

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The rear portion 12 has an external terminal section on the lower surface side, the external terminal section being electrically connected with the electric circuit provided on the bottom portion 11 within the frame. The external terminal section, for instance, may include a power cable connector for supplying power to the recording medium driver, an external terminal connector for allowing external equipment such as a personal computer to be connected, or the like. The information to be reproduced/recorded by the recording medium driver 100 is mainly input/output via the external terminal ~~(Translator's comment: correctly, the external terminal section)~~ section.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The detection hole 34 is provided at a position corresponding to the position of the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92, and the lever pin 352 is projected via the detection hole 34. As shown in Fig. 5, if the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92 is opened, the tip end of the lever pin 352 extends into the information hole 95 of the cartridge, so that the ~~recording medium~~ ~~(Translator's comment: correctly, disc)~~ disc 91 can be determined as write inhibit ~~(see Fig. 5)~~ (see Fig. 5) by way of the lever head 351.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the other hand, as shown in Figs. 6A and 6B, if the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92 is closed with the switching portion 951 or the information hole 95 is not provided, when the tray 30 is ejected from the front surface side of the frame 10 and the cartridge 92 is mounted on the tray 30, the lever pin 352 abuts on the switching portion 951 or the outer circumference of the cartridge 92 and to be pushed down together with the lever head 351. When the tray 30 is housed within the frame 10, the lever head 351 pushes the switch pin 113 of the switch body 112 arranged on the lower surface side, the switch body 112 outputs a signal indicating that the switch pin 113 is pushed, to the electric circuit, and thus the recording medium (*Translator's comment: correctly, disc*) disc 91 can be determined as write enable (see Fig. 6A). Note that, as described above, the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92 may not only show the state between the write enable and the write inhibit. There may be the information hole 95 indicating other information, e.g., the information hole 95 that indicates the type of the cartridge type recording medium, the information hole 95 that indicates the memory capacity of the cartridge type recording medium, or the like. The detection lever 35 detects the information hole 95 and outputs a signal corresponding to the information to the electric circuit via the switch body 112 of the switch section 111.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The first rack 52 formed on one lateral surface of the drive cam 50 is meshed with the third gear 533 of the gear mechanism 53. The second gear 532 greater in diameter than the third gear 533 is integrally formed on the lower surface side of the third gear 533, and the second gear 532 is meshed with the first gear 531. Also, the third gear ~~353 (Translator's comment: correctly, 533)~~ 533 is meshed with the fourth gear ~~354 (Translator's comment: correctly, 534)~~ 534 .

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 21, and bridging to page 20, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For example, according to the recording medium driver of the present embodiment, although the detection lever 35 is biased to the mount surface 31 side from the back surface side of the tray 30 by way of the plate spring 353, it is not limited thereto. For example, as shown in Figs. 7A and 7B, a detection lever 35A may rotatably be provided on a fixing portion 354A on the back side of the tray 30 to couple a lever head 351A with the fixing portion 354A by using ~~an arm plate~~ *(Translator's comment: correctly, a synthetic resin cover)* a synthetic resin cover 353A. With this configuration, although the lever head 351A falls to the lower surface side due to its self weight, by setting the biasing force of the switch pin 113 to the upper surface side to be greater than the self weight of the lever head 351A, the switch pin 113 can be prevented from being pushed due to the self weight of the lever head. Also, with this configuration, the biasing force of the switch pin 113

causes the lever head 351A and a lever pin 352A to be biased from the back surface side of the tray 30 to the mount surface 31 side. When the cartridge type recording medium 90 is mounted on the tray 30, the lever head 351A and the lever pin 352A are advanced/retracted in the vertical direction according to the presence of the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92. For example, if the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92 is opened, the lever pin 352A is inserted to the information hole not to push down the switch pin 113 (see Fig. 7A). On the other hand, if the information hole 95 of the cartridge 92 is closed, the lever pin 352A is pushed down by the cartridge 92 to push the switch pin 113 (see Fig. 7B). With this configuration, the resilient member need not be provided on the detection lever 35 for utilizing the biasing force of the switch pin 113, and the configuration can further be simplified, thereby promoting decrease in manufacturing cost as well as in the number of components.